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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF RECORD REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

Sir:

For:

Applicants have been notified telephonically by the Examiner that the certified copies of the priority documents on file with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are not those identified in the Declaration and other papers filed in this application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's efforts to resolve this issue, and file this Request to make the following points formally of record. According to Applicants' attorneys' records, certified copies of the correct priority documents were submitted with the Claim to Priority filed November 17, 1999. Those documents were the following Japanese Applications:

10-233213 filed August 19, 1998

10-251479 filed September 4, 1998

11-198095 filed July 12, 1999

In support of Applicants' position, please find enclosed a copy each of the Claim to Priority, the front page and corresponding translation of the certified copy of each priority document, and the stamped postcard indicating receipt by the Patent and Trademark Office of the Claim to Priority and certified copies of three (3) priority applications on November 17, 1999 (Applicants' attorneys do not retain complete copies of priority documents in their files).

Applicants request confirmation that this Application will issue with the correct Foreign Application Priority Data as listed above.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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